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Head Coach Maria Fantanarosa

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## 2006-07 MIAMI BASKETBALL

Entering her ninth season at the helm of a program she was once a part of as a player, Miami head coach Maria Fantanarosa approaches the 2006-07 season within six wins of surpassing Pam Wettig (1975-84) as the program's all-time winningest coach.

Since returning to her alma mater as head coach prior to the 1998-99 season, Fantanarosa has guided a resurgent program to six winning seasons in the past seven years, including two Mid-American Conference East Division crowns and the 2003-04 MAC Championship.

During a trying 2005-06 campaign that was defined by injuries and an extremely young roster that derived more than 75 percent of its minutes from freshmen and sophomores, Fantanarosa laid the groundwork for the beginning of a promising future. According to Director of Athletics Brad Bates, who extended Fantanarosa's contract through 2011 following the season, the RedHawk mentor continues to head her program in the right direction.

"Maria Fantanarosa has built a successful and well-rounded women's basketball program that is a source of pride for our University," Bates said. "She has consistently recruited and graduated top-notch student-athletes who have kept the program among the most respected in the MAC and the region. Whether you are talking about graduation rates, academic performance, an impressive history of community service or competing year in and year out for the MAC title, Coach Fantanarosa has crafted her program into a complete experience for the women involved."

A fiery competitor as both a player and a coach for the Red and White, Fantanarosa has been instrumental in directing the dramatic turnaround of a program that was coming off its first losing season in 10 years when she was hired in the summer of 1998.

Critical to the program's success has been an impressive recruiting effort

that has brought four of the program's top seven career scorers and three of the top eight career rebounders to campus during her short tenure. Under her tutelage, Miami has produced 34 MAC Players of the Week, 12 all-MAC selections and four MAC All-Freshman honorees.

Since the 2000-01 season, Miami has been one of the most consistent powers in the Mid-American Conference, winning an impressive 75 games, finishing among the top three in the MAC East in all but one season and winning at least one game in six of a possible seven MAC Tournaments. Though the finished product is impressive, the road was not easy for Fantanarosa and the RedHawks.

Hired too late to recruit a freshman class for her inaugural season at Miami, Fantanarosa guided her first Miami team, which relied heavily on walk-ons, to a surprising 11-15 record and laid the groundwork for the blue collar style of play her teams would become known for.

Miami returned to its winning ways during Fantanarosa's second season, as a talented freshman class brought new life to the program. The Red and White finished second in the MAC's East Division that season, compiling a 16-12 overall record and earning passage into the MAC Quarterfinals.

With another strong recruiting class in place, Fantanarosa guided the 2000-01 RedHawks to an 18-11 record, including a 10-6 mark in the conference. Miami put an exclamation point on the season with a thrilling upset of Ball State in the MAC Quarterfinals and made its return to the



**Maria's Family: Allison, Maria, Lauren and Tim.**

MAC Semifinals for the first time in five years.

The impact of Fantanarosa's recruiting efforts was felt over the next two seasons, as Miami posted 36 wins and claimed the program's first MAC East Title in 2002-03. Heather Cusick was named MAC Player of the Year in 2001-02 and finished her career as Miami's all-time leading scorer.

The pinnacle arrived in 2003-04, when Miami shocked the league by reeling off 12 straight wins in the heart of the MAC season and capturing the overall MAC Championship. Miami went on to make the program's first appearance in the Postseason WNIT, advancing to the second round, and senior Colleen Day became Miami's first CoSIDA Academic All-American, notching second-team honors.

In her eight seasons, Fantanarosa's Miami squads have battled to a 126-104 (.548) overall record and 73-55 (.570) league mark. She enters this season needing six wins to surpass Pam Wettig (1975-84) as the program's all-time winningest coach. Ranked among the MAC's Top 10 in career league wins, Fantanarosa also matches Wettig this season for the longest tenure of any Miami women's basketball coach.

A two-time all-MAC selection while a player at Miami, Fantanarosa finished her career in fourth place and currently ranks 13th on Miami's all-time scoring list with 1,086 points. She also placed her name in

### FANTANAROSA YEAR-BY-YEAR

| Year         | Team                  | Overall               | MAC                 | MAC Finish |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------|
| 1997-98      | Western Carolina..... | 7-20 (.259)           | n/a                 | n/a        |
| 1998-99      | Miami .....           | 11-15 (.423)          | 7-9 (.438)          | 5th-East   |
| 1999-00      | Miami .....           | 16-12 (.571)          | 9-7 (.563)          | 2nd-East   |
| 2000-01      | Miami .....           | 18-11 (.621)          | 10-6 (.625)         | 2nd-East   |
| 2001-02      | Miami .....           | 19-11 (.633)          | 11-5 (.688)         | 2nd-East   |
| 2002-03      | Miami .....           | 17-12 (.586)          | 11-5 (.688)         | 1st-East   |
| 2003-04      | Miami .....           | 22-9 (.710)           | 14-2 (.875)         | 1st-East   |
| 2004-05      | Miami .....           | 15-14 (.517)          | 8-8 (.500)          | 3rd-East   |
| 2005-06      | Miami .....           | 8-20 (.285)           | 3-13 (.188)         | 5th-East   |
| <b>Total</b> |                       | <b>133-124 (.518)</b> | <b>73-55 (.570)</b> |            |



among Miami's career top 10 with her 323 career assists.

Fantanarosa, 39, became the seventh head coach at Miami after serving as head coach at Western Carolina in 1997-98.

Prior to Western Carolina, Fantanarosa was the top assistant at South Carolina for three seasons. Before her work with the Gamecocks, she was the number one assistant at Xavier, where the Musketeers won the Midwestern Collegiate Conference regular season title in 1991-92 and the conference tournament title one year later.

A native of Kulpmont, Pa., Fantanarosa earned her bachelor's degree in speech communication with a minor in coaching science from Miami in 1990 and a master's degree in sport administration from Xavier in 1993. She is married to Tim Morrow and has two daughters, Lauren and Allison.

During a prolific prep career at Mt. Carmel Area High School, Fantanarosa set Pennsylvania state records for most points in a career by a male or female (3,823) and most points in a single season (1,318). She was inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in the fall of 2005. Nationally, Fantanarosa's career point total ranks her among the Top 10 highest scorers in high school girls basketball history.



### THE GAMEPLAN

**H**ead Coach Maria Fantanarosa discusses the style of play that has helped her RedHawks consistently finish in the upper tier of the Mid-American Conference. Under Fantanarosa, the RedHawks have pieced together six winning seasons in the past seven years and advanced as far as the semifinal round of the Mid-American Conference Tournament in four of the past six seasons.

#### On the Offense:

"Offensively, we play an up-tempo style. We run a controlled fast break into continuity offenses. In the half-court, we run several quick-hit plays, balancing the 3-point shot and a power inside game. We focus on a lot of two-player game fundamentals."

#### On the Defense:

"Defensively, we like to switch things up by being the aggressors and forcing the offense to question what's next. In the half-court, we play primarily man-to-man defense, but we like to change things up with full-court man and trapping zones."

#### Tying It All Together:

"We want to play hard and smart every possession. Our primary focus is on controlling the controlables. Intangibles such as our attitude and work ethic, along with tangibles like defense, rebounding and free throw shooting will almost always be the difference in the game."

### BREAKING DOWN THE RECORD ...

|                          |                |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Overall .....            | 133-124 (.518) |
| At Miami .....           | 126-104 (.548) |
| Home .....               | 66-39 (.629)   |
| Away.....                | 53-76 (.411)   |
| Neutral.....             | 14-9 (.609)    |
| MAC (1998-present) ..... | 73-55 (.570)   |
| MAC Tournament .....     | 8-7 (.533)     |
| Non-conference .....     | 55-55 (.500)   |



## Coaches & Staff

Assistant Coach Lisa Hayden

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Lisa

# Hayden



**Year at Miami:** Sixth Season  
**Alma Mater:** Miami '95  
**Hometown:** Henderson, Ky.

### Assistant Coach

Lisa Hayden, a standout for the Red and White from 1991-95, returned to her alma mater prior to the 2001-02 season after serving as head girls basketball coach and assistant athletic director at Mt. Notre Dame High School in Cincinnati.

Hayden, who works with Miami's guards, has helped guide the career of some of the program's top 3-point shooters. Heather Cusick finished her career as Miami's all-time leader in 3-point field goals (230) while, in 2003-04, Nicki Motto broke the program record and led the MAC with 79 3-point field goals.

Five RedHawks presently listed among Miami's career top 10 in 3-point field goals worked with Hayden. Last season, Jenna Schone broke Miami's freshman 3-point field goal record with 47 treys.

Hayden also is in her first season as the program's recruiting coordinator.

As assistant athletic director at Mt. Notre Dame, Hayden assisted with the coordination of an athletic program that consisted of 12 sports, 25 teams and more than 350 athletes.

Hayden also spent four seasons as an assistant and head coach with Mt. Notre Dame's girl's basketball team, helping the team to a Sweet 16 appearance in her first season as head coach (1999-2000). Prior to joining the staff at Mt. Notre Dame, Hayden served from 1995-97 as the assistant girls basketball coach at Badin High School.

One of the most prolific 3-point shooters in Miami history, Hayden scorched the nets for 205 treys during her collegiate career, including a then-program record 68 3-pointers during her senior season. Hayden also finished her career as one of just a handful of Miami women to clear 1,000 career points, amassing 1,047 points.

A native of Henderson, Ky., and inductee into the Henderson County High School Hall of Fame, Hayden earned a bachelor of science degree in education and allied professions from Miami in 1995.

### THE HAYDEN FILE ...

#### Education:

Bachelor's Degree: Miami '95

#### Prior Coaching Experience:

Head Coach at Mt. Notre Dame H.S., 1999-01

Assistant Coach at Mt. Notre Dame H.S., 1997-99

Assistant Coach at Badin H.S., 1995-97

#### Coaching Responsibilities

Recruiting Coordinator

Guards

Equipment

**"We are very fortunate to have Lisa at Miami. She has proven herself to be both a great college player and coach, and she has and will continue to contribute to the future success of this program through her hard work and dedication."**

—Head Coach Maria Fantanarosa





Heather  
**Oesterle**



**Year at Miami:** Fourth Season  
**Alma Mater:** Michigan '02  
**Hometown:** Mason, Mich.

**Assistant Coach**

A member of Miami's staff since its Mid-American Conference Championship 2003-04 season, Heather Oesterle enters her fourth season with the Red and White, bringing a strong combination of playing and coaching experience.

Her primary responsibilities entering this season include working with the RedHawk post players, as well as coordinating team travel and numerous other duties.

Oesterle came to Miami after serving one season as a volunteer assistant coach for a Stanford University program that finished the season 27-5 and ranked among the Top 15 in the nation while advancing to the NCAA Tournament.

Prior to her stint with the Cardinal, Oesterle was a four-year contributor for the University of Michigan women's basketball team. Oesterle served as the team captain in 2001-02 and was honored with the program's Leadership Award following her senior season.

A native of Mason, Mich., where she was a Detroit Free Press Class A All-State selection as a high school senior, Oesterle set the Mason High School career scoring record with 1,451 points during her prep career.

At Michigan, Oesterle, a 6-foot forward, helped the Wolverines to a four-year record of 76-45 (.628) that included two NCAA appearances.

**THE OESTERLE FILE ...**

**Education:**

Bachelor's Degree: Michigan '02

**Playing Experience:**

Four-year letterwinner at Michigan, 1998-02

**Prior Coaching Experience:**

Volunteer assistant coach at Stanford, 2002-03

**Prior Coaching Responsibilities:**

Recruiting  
Post Players  
Travel

**"Heather has been a tremendous addition to our program since her hiring. Her energy and enthusiasm for the game, combined with her desire to constantly learn and improve in the profession, make her a very promising young coach."**

—Head Coach Maria Fantanarosa





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Colleen  
**Day**



**Year at Miami:** First Season  
**Alma Mater:** Miami '04  
**Hometown:** Independence, Ohio

**Assistant Coach**

Miami University head women's basketball coach Maria Fantanarosa announced this past summer that former RedHawk standout Colleen Day had been added to the staff as an assistant coach. Day, a three-time team captain who led Miami to a MAC championship in 2004, succeeds Jessica Smith who departed after five seasons to take a head coaching position.

A four-year starter for the Red and White from 2000-04, Day is one of only two players in program history to hold the title of team captain three times during her career. The 6-foot forward started 106 of the 114 career games in which she played, while averaging 11.1 points and 7.0 rebounds for her career. Day's top season came as a senior in 2003-04, when she averaged 15.0 points and 8.4 rebounds per game while leading Miami to its first regular-season MAC Championship since 1990 and its first WNIT bid. She was a first-team all-MAC selection that season and came in second in MAC Player of the Year voting.

Day still ranks among Miami's all-time career leaders in eight major categories, including points (7th/1,269), rebounds (4th/794), free throw percentage (6th/80.5) and double-doubles (4th/16).

More than just an accomplished athlete at Miami, Day also became the first RedHawk women's basketball player to earn Academic All-America status when she was named

### THE DAY FILE ...

**Education:**

Bachelor's Degree: Miami '04

**Playing Experience:**

Four-year letterwinner at Miami, 2000-04  
First-Team All-MAC in 2004

**Coaching Responsibilities:**

Recruiting  
Academics  
Film Exchange  
RedHawk Review

**"I am thrilled to have Colleen back with our program. She was a great leader as a player who helped us take this program to a championship level. Colleen has a lot to contribute as a young coach, and I'm excited about having her leadership skills and competitive energy influencing Miami Women's Basketball."**

—Head Coach Maria Fantanarosa

second-team CoSIDA/ESPN the Magazine Academic All-America during her senior season. Day earned her bachelor's degree in English secondary education in 2004.

Following her collegiate career, Day competed internationally for one season in Germany and worked as a substitute teacher after returning to the U.S.

Day returned to Oxford in the fall of 2005 as an intern with Miami's Strength and Conditioning program, where she worked closely with a number of Miami's athletic programs, including the men's and women's basketball teams.

A native of Independence, Ohio, Day attended Holy Name High School, where she helped the Green Wave to a four-year record of 83-15 and was a second-team all-Ohio selection as a senior.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SUPPORT STAFF ...



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Athletic Trainer




**Mary O'Leary**  
Equipment Manager



**Vince Frieden**  
Media Relations



Dr. David  
**Hodge**



**Year at Miami:** First Year  
**Alma Mater:** Macalester '70

**President**

**N**amed the 21st president of Miami University by the board of trustees on April 21, 2006, Dr. David C. Hodge opens a new chapter at Miami following a 31-year tenure at the University of Washington.

President Hodge served as the dean of the college of arts and sciences at the University of Washington from 1998-06. As dean of the largest college at UW, he provided leadership for achieving academic excellence across the 40 departments, 900 faculty and 500 staff who served more than 24,000 students. Dr. Hodge was responsible for the conduct of all academic programs, meeting student curricular needs, providing research infrastructure to support both unfunded research and funded research and supporting College and departmental development programs.

Joining the UW faculty in 1975, he held the appointment of professor of geography and adjunct professor of civil engineering while supervising more than 40 master's and Ph.D students during his tenure. In 1990, Dr. Hodge earned the University of Washington Distinguished Teaching Award. Prior to his most recent post at UW, he served as chair of the geography department from 1995-97 and divisional dean for computing, facilities and research in the college of arts and sciences from 1996-98.

His research, which focuses on urban and transportation geography with special interest in the impacts of communication, has been supported by the National Science Foundation, Congressional Office of Technology Assessment, U.S. and Washington State Departments of Transportation and numerous other state and local Seattle agencies. Dr. Hodge directed a National Science Foundation program in 1993-94 and was the editor of *The Professional Geographer* from 1994-97. Additionally, he has served on numerous Seattle and Washington committees and boards dealing with community development and transportation.

A native of Minnesota, President Hodge earned his bachelor of arts degree in geography from Macalester College in 1970 and went on to earn his master's degree and doctorate in geography from Pennsylvania State University in 1973 and 1975, respectively.

President Hodge, who competed for the track & field and cross country teams while attending Macalester College, is a member of the Macalester College Athletics Hall of Fame. He was nationally ranked in NCAA Division II during each of his four years and set the Scots' outdoor record in the 800 meters with a top time of 1:50.2.

In 1996, Dr. Hodge was named a Centennial Fellow in the Penn State College of Earth and Mineral Sciences and received the Hosler Alumni Scholar Award in 2003.

President Hodge and his wife, Valerie, have two children: Gene, a recent graduate of Washington, and Meriem, who will be a sophomore at Miami University.

Brad  
**Bates**



**Year at Miami:** Fifth Year  
**Alma Mater:** Michigan '81

**Director of Athletics**

**A** progressive and driving force behind Miami University's athletic department since his arrival in November of 2002, Brad Bates has been instrumental in not only upholding Miami's storied athletic tradition but also in ushering Miami athletics into the next generation of intercollegiate athletics.

Bates has presided over a department that made back-to-back football bowl game appearances for the first time in nearly 30 years, while capturing conference championships in football, ice hockey, baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's swimming and diving and synchronized skating. Last year, Miami's ice hockey team earned a No. 1 ranking nationally on the way to an NCAA Tournament berth, and its men's basketball team made its second straight trip to the NIT. Miami also has won the Reese Trophy, presented annually to the MAC institution with the best all-around men's sports programs, in three of his four years.

In addition to the RedHawks' athletic success during his tenure, Bates has spearheaded efforts to improve the "athletic classrooms" in which Miami's student-athletes compete to rate among the best in the nation. Renovations to Yager Stadium continue, with plans for an indoor facility in the works. Already added to Yager are new stands on the east side, a state-of-the-art scoreboard, permanent lighting, Cradle of Coaches Plaza and a FieldTurf playing surface.

Also completed this fall were a brand new softball field, a brand new ice hockey facility and a renovated field hockey field that is being upgraded with a new artificial turf surface and press box.

Paramount among Bates' accomplishments has been the department's success in graduating its student-athletes. Over the first two years of the NCAA's Academic Performance Rate (APR), Miami has consistently ranked among the best Division I-A programs nationally, with a number of its individual programs posting the highest scores nationally.

Bates, who came to Miami after 17 years at Vanderbilt University, achieved a doctorate at Vanderbilt in 1997. This followed the bachelor's and master's degrees he earned in education at the University of Michigan in 1981 and 1982.

At Vanderbilt, along with overseeing the administration of all 15 sports, Bates, a Senior Associate A.D. when he departed, was highly involved in the department's budgetary, marketing, development, licensing and Title IX compliance decision-making.

Bates was a walk-on defensive back for Michigan from 1977-81. He played for then-Wolverine head football coach Bo Schembechler, a 1951 Miami alumnus and member of Miami's legendary Cradle of Coaches. In his four years as a player, the Wolverines won three Big Ten Championships, posted a record of 37-11-0 and played in three Rose Bowls and a Gator Bowl.

Bates and his wife, Michele, reside in Oxford.



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